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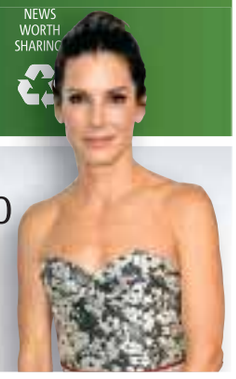

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Man accused of kidnapping his ex-fiancée

Clint McLaughlin, 36-year-old faces charges in connection to alleged abduction of Mariana Cracogna, found Sunday

A 36-year-old man is to appear in court Tuesday to face numerous charges related to the abduction of his former fiancée.

Clint McLaughlin is accused of aggravated assault, kidnapping, unlawful confinement and breach of recognizance.

Mariana Cracogna was found east of Saskatoon by a motorist on Sunday after police say she was taken against her will on Friday afternoon.

Cracogna, 26, managed to escape from her captor and was taken to hospital for treatment of serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Clint McLaughlin, 36, faces charges including aggravated assault, kidnapping and unlawful confinement.
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"She managed, after two days without food and water, to make her way to a highway and a passing motorist was able to pick her up," Saskatoon police spokeswoman Alyson Edwards told reporters.

"This speaks to her strength — just immense amounts of strength — to be able to get herself out of that situation."

Police had issued a description of a vehicle they believed was connected to the case. A farmer found the Ford Explorer on his land on Sunday and a search team was brought in.

McLaughlin was found a few hours later on a rural road, also by a passing driver. Police said he had also been without food or water. He was treated in hospital and released.

Cracogna's brother Pablo told CKOM his sister is doing well.

"(It is) essentially a big weight off our shoulders. I'm finally able to relax," he told the radio station.

Police said McLaughlin was known to them prior to the alleged abduction, but would not give details.

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THE NEW BLADE RUNNER

Bob Woods, the new general manager and head coach of the Saskatoon Blades, addresses the media on Monday as he's introduced at Credit Union Centre. Woods spent the past five seasons as an assistant coach in the NHL with the Washington Capitals and Anaheim Ducks before coming to the Blades. See story, page 14. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

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Plugging the holes

U of S appoints acting provost after controversy

The University of Saskatchewan has appointed an acting provost to replace a man who quit last month during the Robert Buckingham firing controversy.

Ernie Barber, who has been with the university for 33 years, takes on the job July 1.

Currently, Barber is the managing director of the Global Institute for Food Security.

His replacement is to be named in the coming weeks.

Buckingham was fired last month for speaking out about budget cuts at the school but was rehired after a national outcry.

Gordon Barnhart, interim president of the university, had nothing but praise for Barber.

"Given Ernie's long history at the university, including serving once already as acting provost, I know he will help us stabilize and move forward over the important year ahead as we continue to enhance our academic excellence and strive for financial sustainability," Barnhart said on Monday in a release.

Barber has also served as dean of both the college of agriculture and the college of engineering.

Brett Fairbairn resigned as provost on May 19.

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Ernie Barber COURTESY U OF S

Brenda Butterworth-Carr, commanding officer of the Saskatchewan RCMP, speaks during a press conference at the Saskatoon Police Service headquarters on Monday. Butterworth-Carr announced the formation of two units designated to enforce new traffic safety legislation. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

New units tasked with traffic safety overhaul

Cracking down. Tough laws, enforcement expected to fix Sask.'s 'abysmal' safety record

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Police in Saskatchewan are setting up a support system to enforce tough new laws.

Provincial government officials joined members of the RCMP and the Saskatoon Police Service on Monday to announce the launch of two units dedicated to traffic safety, in response to legislation that will see harsher penalties for impaired, distracted and reckless drivers.

"The new legislation is strong, but legislation is only as good as the enforcement behind it," Donna Harpauer, minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance, said at Saskatoon police headquarters.

Harpauer added that Saskatchewan has an "abysmal" track record "when it comes to collisions and accidents within our province per capita, compared to other provinces."

According to Transport Canada's 2011 report on collision statistics, Saskatchewan had 14.2 road fatalities per 100,000 people — far above the national average of 5.8 — that year.

Brenda Butterworth-Carr, commanding officer of the RCMP in Saskatchewan, said a total of 60 officers will be assigned to the units dispersed in high-risk districts from North Battleford and Saskatoon to the Estevan and Weyburn areas.

They include 30 officers paid through SGI, 25 reallocated within the RCMP and five from Saskatoon police.

SGI is providing approximately $2.4 million this year for the 30 extra staff, while the province currently funds the other 30.

Butterworth-Carr said the RCMP and Saskatoon officers will work together "to make sure we do everything we possibly can to interdict, prevent as well as enforce when it pertains to behaviour we see on our highways."

The revamped legislation will take effect on June 27.

The changes include increasing licence suspensions for drivers caught under the influence of drugs or alcohol, forcing convicted impaired drivers to pay for temporary ignition interlock devices and seizing vehicles from drivers caught using cellphones twice within a year for up to seven days.

More boots on the roads

"The new legislation is strong, but legislation is only as good as the enforcement behind it."

Saskatchewan MLA Donna Harpauer, after the announcement of two traffic safety units

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Court

Ex-soldier ready to battle in court, suing for alleged burger injuries

A former soldier's lawsuit alleging he bit into needles in a Burger King sandwich purchased at Hawaii's Schofield Barracks is headed to trial.

Clark Bartholomew sued after he said he was injured in 2010 when he bit into a Triple Stacker from a Burger King on the central Oahu base. The former Army sergeant says one needle pierced his tongue and another was lodged in his small intestine.

Defendants include Miami-based Burger King Corp. and the U.S. Army and Air Force Exchange, which operates the franchise. Bartholomew has since retired and lives in Chantilly, Va.

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Co-valedictorians

Identical twins achieve identical distinction

Identical twin sisters have achieved an identical distinction at a northern Nevada high school: They're co-valedictorians.

Gabby and Maria Munoz-Robles received the honour by each racking up 4.54 grade point averages at Douglas High School in Minden, about 65 kilometres south of Reno.

The sisters both plan to attend Notre Dame in the fall and major in biomedical engineering. But the university is not allowing them to live in the same dormitory.

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Crowds of people gather in the main square of Madrid on Monday after the announcement of the abdication of King Juan Carlos. ANDRES KUDACKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spanish king to abdicate throne, son to take over

Out with the old. His son, Prince Felipe, would presumably take the title King Felipe VI

King Juan Carlos, who led Spain's transition from dictatorship to democracy, but who faced damaging scandals amid the nation's financial meltdown, announced Monday he will abdicate in favour of his more popular son so that fresh royal blood can rally the nation.

While the monarchy is largely symbolic, Juan Carlos' surprise decision may hold implications for the burning issue of Catalonia, which is to hold a secession referendum this fall.

A constitutional revision is required to ensure Crown Prince Felipe's first-born daughter will succeed him, and there was speculation other changes might be made to dull secessionist fervour in the wealthy north-eastern region.

At a glance

- King Juan Carlos' popularity took a big blow following royal scandals, including a 2012 elephant hunting trip at the height of Spain's financial crisis when he broke his right hip and had to be flown home from Botswana aboard a private jet for medical treatment.
- The king's image was also tarnished by the investigation of his son-in-law Inaki Urdangarin on suspicion of embezzling large amounts in public contracts.

Juan Carlos said 46-year-old Felipe is ready to be king and will "open a new era of hope." The son already has greater command over the hearts of his people: Felipe's 70 per cent approval in a recent El Mundo newspaper poll dwarfs Juan Carlos' 41 per cent.

Juan Carlos didn't mention the scandals or Catalonia, or specify what issues his son must prioritize as the next head of state. He stressed only that Felipe will need to "undertake the transformations and reforms demanded by today's circumstances and to address the challenges of tomorrow with renewed intensity and dedication." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'Comfort women.' Victims of Japan's wartime sex slavery demand apology

Five former victims of Japan's wartime sex slavery and their supporters submitted hundreds of official documents to the government Monday, demanding Prime Minister Shinzo Abe acknowledge Japan's past atrocity and formally apologize.

Support groups backing the women, who are from Indonesia, the Philippines and South Korea, said documents collected globally include clear evidence of coercion.

Japan apologized in 1993 over the "comfort women" system of military prostitutes before and during the Second World War, but the country insists there's no proof the women were coerced by the government, citing a lack of official Japanese documents stating so.

The Cabinet in an Abe-led government in 2007 underscored the lack of proof. Abe promised Japan won't change its 1993 apology, but is re-examining the study that was the basis of the apology. Neighbouring countries have criticized Japan over its review, particularly a re-examination of interviews with former Korean victims, as an attempt to discredit the women and the issue.

"That's a lie. We have evidence. I'm a living proof," said Estelita Dy, an 84-year-old victim from the Philippines kidnapped by Japanese soldiers in 1943 when she was 12. "I feel outraged every time I hear people say we were not forced into this. That's why I have to keep telling my story."

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Immunotherapy

Treatment helps fight tumours

Two years ago, Arrica Wallace was riddled with tumours from widely spread cervical cancer that radiation and chemotherapy could not beat back.

Today, the Kansas mother shows no signs of the disease, and it was her own immune system that made it go away.

The experimental approach that helped her is one of the newest frontiers in the rapidly advancing field of cancer immunotherapy, which boosts the body's natural ways of attacking tumours.

At a conference in Chicago on Monday, doctors also reported extending gains recently made with immune therapies against leukemia and the skin cancer melanoma to bladder, lung and other tumour types.

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Wild dogs

Lawsuit settled in zoo mauling

The parents of a two-year-old U.S. boy who was fatally mauled after falling into a wild African dogs exhibit have settled their lawsuit against the Pittsburgh zoo.

The zoo argued the boy's mother, Elizabeth Derkosh, was to blame because she lifted him atop a railing to get a better view of the exhibit.

The parents' lawyer claimed the zoo knew other visitors were dangling children over the railing but failed to change the exhibit.

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Robbery suspect

With Facebook friends like this ...

A man suspected of robbing a woman at a Washington ferry terminal friended her on Facebook the next day, authorities said.

The woman was sitting at the ferry terminal in Bremerton when she was struck on the head. A man with a tattoo on his neck grabbed her iPod and purse.

The next day, she received a friend notification and recognized the sender as the man who allegedly robbed her. According to reports, Riley Allen Mullins was charged.

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From left, Sisters Anne Leonard, Josephine Badali and Arlita Matte, all members of the Congregation de Notre-Dame, discuss the release of Sister Gilberte Bussiere at a Montreal news conference Monday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Freed nun called 'strong,' healthy

Missionaries in Cameroon. Canadian, 74, kidnapped with two Italian priests, held since April 5

A Canadian nun who has been released after two months in captivity in Cameroon is happy to be free, her congregation said Monday.

Gilberte Bussiere, 74, and two Italian priests were kidnapped on April 5.

"I spoke to Sister Gilberte this morning and her voice was strong and she was happy," said Josephine Badali, leader of the Congregation de Notre-Dame.

"She told me she had seen the doctor and from what we know at the moment, her health is good."

Bussiere, originally from Asbestos, Que., was kidnapped along with Gianantonio Allegri and Giampaolo Marta. All three had been working as missionaries in Cameroon.

"She asked me to thank everyone who supported her and helped secure her freedom," Badali told a news conference in Montreal.

It is still unclear when Bussiere will return to Canada.

Badali said Bussiere was to meet with Paul Biya, the president of Cameroon, on Monday.

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New Canada Conference. Young people invited to brainstorm Canada's future

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

In order to celebrate Canada's past, bright young Canadian residents are going to brainstorm our country's future.

On the sesquicentennial of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference — that's 150 years after the conference that laid the groundwork for Canadian Confederation — the New Canada Conference will be held in Charlottetown as a flagship event in P.E.I. in 2014.

Canadians and permanent residents aged 19 to 24 (as of Sept. 1) are invited to apply to become one of the 100 delegates who will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Charlottetown for the conference, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

There they will participate in a brainstorming session about the future of the country with the help of some yet-to-be announced prominent Canadians

"The vision of Confederation was first articulated in Prince Edward Island and Prince Edward Island was the birthplace of Confederation," said Penny Walsh McGuire, the CEO of PEI 2014.

Walsh McGuire said she hopes to be surprised by the ideas from the young people. The application process requires a 150-second video or 400-word essay telling the applicant's story of Canada, and two references.

More details are available at ncc-cnc.ca.

Looking ahead

The discussions will concentrate on these areas:

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• Route 13 Lawson Heights
• Route 13 Broadway

From April 27 to September 1, 2014, the following route will be temporarily discontinued:

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With the sun now shining the road construction season is in full swing. This means that some transit routes may be on a detour from their regular route. A detour means that stops may need to be closed and temporary stops in place for the duration of the detour. If this happens, notices will be posted on the stops affected to direct customers to temporary stop locations.

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Study: Hurricane Glen is scary, but Hurricane Glenda is deadly

What's in a name? Experiments show people are more likely to flee storms with masculine monickers

This 2012 photo shows a pile of sand and debris sitting near a house that was damaged by superstorm Sandy in Brant Beach, N.J. A new psychology study shows that people are wrongly less prone to flee from hurricanes with feminine names, yet the study finds female-named storms have been deadlier in the United States than their macho-sounding counterparts. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

People are slightly less likely to flee an oncoming storm with a feminine name than a masculine one, a new study finds.

But hurricanes with feminine names turn out to be deadlier in the United States than their more macho-sounding counterparts, probably because their monikers make people underestimate their danger, the researchers conclude.

In fact, the two deadliest storms to make landfall in the U.S. since 1979, when male names were introduced, were named Katrina and Sandy.

The study, which didn't involve any experts in meteorology or disaster science, was published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In six different experiments, more than 1,000 test subjects told behavioural scientists at the University of Illinois in Champaign that they were slightly more likely to evacuate from an oncoming storm named Christopher than Christina, Victor than Victoria, Alexander than Alexandra and Danny than Kate. They found female names less frightening.

"People are looking for meaning in any information that they receive," said study co-author Sharon Shavitt, a professor of marketing. "The name of the storm is providing people with irrelevant information that they actually use."

Shavitt said both men and women rated female storms less scary and they both "are likely to believe that women are milder and less aggressive."

It fits with other research about gender perception differences, she said. Sandy, while it can also be a male name, was chosen as a female name by weather authorities in 2012.

Shavitt said it also ranked as rather feminine when she asked a small group of people to assess names on a masculine-feminine scale.

Hurricane and disaster science experts, such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Kerry Emanuel, were skeptical at first. Then after more consideration, some — but not all — found merit in the work, noting that it is more about psychology rather than physical science.

Emanuel said confusion over whether 2012's Sandy was called a hurricane or post-tropical storm did cause confusion, so maybe names could make a difference too. He joked that maybe names matter and perhaps meteorologists should start using scarier-sounding ones like Jack the Ripper or King Kong.

But Susan Cutter, director of the University of South Carolina's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute, dismissed the idea that female-named storms are deadlier. She considered the study results just coincidence.

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Nova Scotia. Social media sites ordered to hand over info to help ID cyberbully

A unique Nova Scotia law aimed at squelching online harassment is being used for the first time to reach beyond Canada's borders to determine the identity of a cyberbully.

The province's CyberScan unit said Monday a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge issued an order last week under the province's new Cyber-safety Act demanding information from Google, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Snapchat and Canada's BCE Inc.

"It is the first order in Canada for that purpose," said Roger Merrick, the province's director of public safety. "It's groundbreaking for us."

The court order is seeking records that could identify the accused cyberbully, including home addresses, email addresses, user names, given names, account names and IP addresses.

The case involves a young woman in Halifax who has recently received threatening and harassing messages from an unknown person or persons accused of hacking her social media accounts, Merrick said.

"I can't give you too much information for fear of jeopardizing the investigation," said Merrick, adding that police are also investigating.

The CyberScan unit has yet to hear from any of the companies involved and the process could take months to complete, Merrick said.

He said police routinely issue production orders when seeking information from online sources while investigating criminal matters, including child exploitation cases. If the information sought is found in the United States, police turn to the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance to guide them. In this case, the CyberScan unit is relying on civil law procedures.

"This is the first one for us … (and) there may be a different process," Merrick said, adding there's no guarantee the companies will recognize the court order. "This is a learning process for us, too."

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25 years since Tiananmen

A Chinese couple have their picture taken outside the Forbidden City at Tiananmen Square on Monday in Beijing, China. Twenty-five years ago, on June 4, 1989, Chinese troops cracked down on pro-democracy protesters, leaving scores dead and injured. KEVIN FRAYER/GETTY IMAGES

Sex work. Survey reveals opinion split on key issues of prostitution legality

The results of a federal consultation on prostitution suggest a lack of consensus among people and groups interested in the subject.

A slight majority of those who responded to the Justice Department's month-long online consultation earlier this year felt that purchasing sexual services should be a criminal offence.

However, two-thirds of the more than 31,000 respondents said selling sex should not be an offence.

About six in every 10 participants said benefiting economically from the prostitution of an adult should be illegal.

The department received comments from 117 organizations, but did not reveal who they were.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay tweeted that the findings would be taken into account in coming legislation on prostitution.

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Massachusetts

Puppy finds itself in the driver's seat, makes a big splash

A German shepherd puppy owned by a Massachusetts man decided to go for a drive — straight into a pond.

John Costello said his 12-week-old puppy, Rosie, was so excited Sunday after going for a walk that she jumped in his running car, hit the gear stick and shifted into drive, before falling onto the gas pedal and sending the car careening into the water.

A couple of passersby saw the commotion and helped Costello rescue Rosie. Nobody was injured, but Costello says the Dodge Neon is a total loss.

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Thailand

Journalists object to cops apparently posing as reporters

Thailand's main press association said Monday it is gravely concerned that undercover police appear to be posing as journalists after a video circulated showing a man with official press ID arresting an anti-coup protester in the capital.

Police did not return several phone calls seeking comment.

Thailand's ruling military junta has launched a major campaign to suppress dissent since staging a coup on May 22. On Sunday, authorities said about 5,700 soldiers and police were deployed around Bangkok to stop planned anti-coup demonstrations.

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Renewed violence

Rogue Libyan general leads war on Islamist militias

Helicopters attacked camps and strongholds of Islamist militias Monday in eastern Libya as part of a nearly three-week offensive by a renegade general, violence that killed at least 18 people and sent civilians fleeing in panic, authorities said.

Militiamen responded by firing rocket-propelled grenades and anti-aircraft guns at the attacking troops allied with Gen. Khalifa Hifter.

A former Gadhafi-era army chief, Hifter has rallied support from the country's weakened military, its anti-Islamist politicians, tribes and diplomats, vowing to crush Islamist militias.

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Kidnapped girls

Nigerian gov't bans protests in capital

Nigerian police say they have banned protests in the capital demanding that the government rescues the more than 200 girls still held captive by Boko Haram militants.

Altine Daniel, a spokeswoman for Abuja police, confirmed the ban in a text message, saying it was "because of security reasons."

A core group that is part of the Bring Back Our Girls campaign has accused the government of sponsoring a new group, known as Release Our Girls, shifting the responsibility of the kidnapping from the government to Boko Haram, the militant group that has killed thousands in its campaign to establish an Islamic state in Nigeria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New search begun in case of girl missing seven years

Portugal. Three-year-old Madeleine McCann vanished from a resort room in 2007

Police investigating the disappearance of Madeleine McCann on Monday cordoned off scrubland near the Portuguese resort where the British girl vanished seven years ago.

Officers placed yellow-and-white police tape around the waste ground, which is larger than a soccer field and covered in bushes and some trees.

Officials have previously said detectives may use excavators, dogs and ground-penetrating radar as they scrutinize the terrain. Police kept watch over the area from an adjacent low hill.

Officials made no immediate comment on Monday's developments. Cases that are under investigation in Portugal are covered by a judicial secrecy law, which forbids the release of information.

The scrubland is about 300 metres from the Praia da Luz resort in southern Portugal where Madeleine vanished from her family's vacation apartment in May 2007, shortly before her fourth birthday. The area was searched in the days following her disappearance.

Authorities in Portugal and Britain said recently they would conduct new searches in coming weeks after reviewing the case file and a new public appeal for information.

Portuguese police closed the case in 2008 because authorities had detected no crime. The public prosecutor's office in Lisbon last year reopened the investigation, saying new leads emerged during the case review though it did not elaborate.

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Portuguese and British officials plant markers on the ground inside a cordoned-off area, in Praia da Luz, Lagos, southern Portugal, Monday. FRANCISCO SECO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missing Madeleine

The search for Madeleine McCann has been called the most public "missing person" case in modern history. However:

- **Judicial secrecy law.** Details of cases under investigation in Portugal may not be released to the public.
- **Portuguese police closed case in 2008.** The public prosecutor reopened it last year citing new leads.
- **British police launched Operation Grange in 2011 to pursue the case, reviewing Portuguese case files.** They compiled a record of sexual assaults on children in the area from 2004 to 2010.

Water cannons disperse anti-rape protesters

Police used water cannons to disperse hundreds of women who were protesting Monday in Lucknow, India, against a rise in violence against women. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police used water cannons Monday to disperse hundreds of women protesting violence against women in the northern Indian state where two teenagers were gang-raped and found hanging from a tree.

The protesters in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state, were demonstrating outside the office of Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, demanding that he crack down on rape and other violence against women and girls.

Hundreds of police officers, including female officers, pushed and shoved the protesters before deploying water cannons to disperse them.

They also demanded that the government curb police indifference, which they said was encouraging attacks against women.

Police in the tiny Uttar Pradesh village of Katra failed to take any action last week when the father of one of the girls reported to police that the two cousins were missing.

Two police officers were fired for dereliction of duty after the girls were found gang-raped and killed.

Yadav has recommended a federal inquiry, but his government has been widely accused of a lackadaisical approach toward women's safety.

Activists and ordinary people said it was as if nothing had changed in the way the police dealt with rape cases since the December 2012 fatal gang rape of a 23-year-old woman aboard a moving bus in New Delhi, the national capital.

The outcry following that attack led to laws doubling prison terms for rapists to 20 years and criminalizing voyeurism, stalking and the trafficking of women.

The law also makes it a crime for officers to refuse to register cases when complaints are made.

People also are beginning to speak up against violent crimes targeting women, and public protests against police inaction are common.

Records show a rape is committed every 22 minutes in India, though it's considered drastically underreported.

Victims and their families may not report the crime at all due to social stigma, frustration with court delays or harassment by police. And police may be reluctant to register cases in order to keep down crime figures.

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THAT'LL BE THREE LOBSTERS EVEN

SHE SAYS

Jessica Napier
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On a recent trip to Prince Edward Island, I met a fisherman on his way to see a man about a lobster — three lobsters, in fact. The fresh-caught seafood was his form of payment to a kind neighbour who had recently fixed his computer. I heard similar stories from farmers who trade food among their friends, offering eggs for produce and beef for pork. Intrepid locals from across the region are able to feed themselves without any sort of official cash transaction.

Bartering was once a ubiquitous method of payment used around the globe long before currency was introduced. And while this ancient economic model might seem better suited to rural communities, I think there are plenty of ways urbanites can cash in (so to speak) on the trend by outsourcing their skills outside the current capitalist system.

Swapsity and similar online communities match users based on needs and desires. Users can barter almost anything — skills, services and stuff — to trade what they have for what they want. It's an appealing idea, turning a few hours of babysitting into a bag full of clothes or swapping a stack of used books for a ride to the airport.

Home Exchange and Couchsurfing offer vacation-specific swapping services for travellers looking for beds in foreign countries. There are even business-to-business trading sites that give emerging and established companies the chance to exchange professional services in the name of business development.

The barter system isn't a perfect economic model. It's hard to evaluate goods and services against one another without a formal pricing model. We currently need to quantify goods and services on a mass scale — a banana is 59 cents, a plane ticket to Europe is $989 — but when it comes to bartering among individuals, price and value become more relative. Is an hour of babysitting equivalent to an hour of personal training? Perhaps it is to you.

Unfortunately, I can't pay off my property tax bill by offering the city a few hours of free landscaping work. There will always be a need for some form of legal tender — even if old-fashioned cash and coins become obsolete in favour of bitcoins or another form of electronic currency.

But it's an empowering feeling to get what you want and help others without having to bother with any sort of monetary transaction.

The barter system works because we can play to our strengths and find creative solutions to obtain what we need without spending a cent.

Take that, capitalism

It's an empowering feeling to get what you want and help others without having to bother with any sort of monetary transaction.

ZOOM

Land of the Rising Sun, after dark

A group of botaru fireflies take flight in a wooded area. "The flight can create a spectacle that seems to come from a fairy-tale world," says photographer Takehito Miyatake. COURTESY TAKEHITO MIYATAKE

Seeing Japan in a new light

It's known as the Land of the Rising Sun, but in these photos, Japan is the land of zipping fireflies, sparkling squid and volcanic lightning.

In his vivid images ranging from the erupting Sakurajima volcano to a forest bathed in the ethereal glow of fireflies in flight, photographer Takehito Miyatake explores the interplay between what he describes as the "light of Japan" and the natural landscape.

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Sparse verse serves as inspiration

Miyatake was inspired by waka, a minimalist style of Japanese poetry that consists of five lines in a 5-7-5-7-7 metre.

"Both waka and photography can express nature concisely. With photography it can be a single image, with waka it is a poem of limited words, but also profound."

His photographs are on display at Steven Kasher Gallery in New York City until June 7.

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Lightning striking at Sakurajima volcano. COURTESY TAKEHITO MIYATAKE

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Sk8ter girl lands 540

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What were you doing at age nine? Maybe you were riding your bike to school? Playing road hockey on the weekends? Unlike this Aussie girl, though, you probably weren't landing a 540 — a skateboarding trick involving one and a half full airborne rotations — on a half-pipe.

After a couple of tough wipeouts, Sabre Norris's reaction to landing her trick is worth every second of this video.

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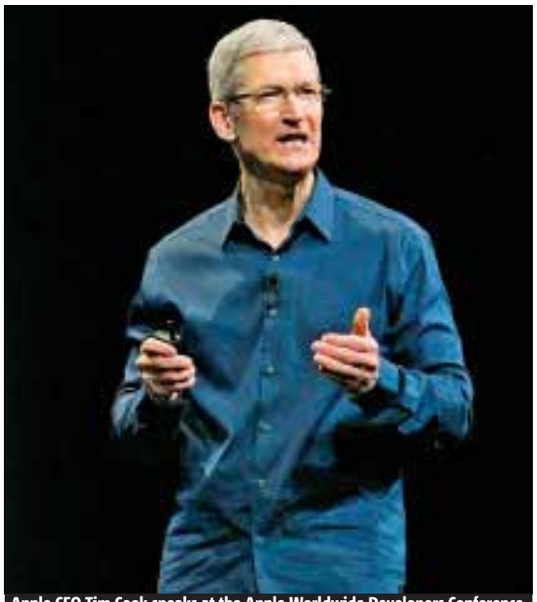

Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference event in San Francisco on Monday. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

25th annual software conference. Apple introduces built-in health-management tool for iOS 8 after Samsung rolled out fitness features in Galaxy S5

Apple's Mac operating system is getting a new design and better ways to exchange files, while new features in the software for iPhones and iPads include one for keeping tabs on your health.

Apple executive Craig Federighi pointed out that data from various fitness-related devices now live in silos, so you can't get a comprehensive picture of your health. That will change, he says, with HealthKit coming to the new mobile software, iOS 8.

Apple is also making it easier for various devices to work together. Macs and mobile gadgets will share more features, and you can share and sync files between the two more easily.

The company is previewing the new features at its 25th annual conference for software developers in San Francisco. The free updates will come this fall, though developers got a test version Monday. Here are the highlights on what's been announced and what's coming:

Changes to Mac computers:

• The next Mac system will be named Yosemite, after the national park, now that Apple is naming it after California locales rather than cats.

• You'll be able to search for content on the computer and on the Internet at once, similar to a feature available with Microsoft's Windows 8.

• Apple is expanding its iCloud storage service so that you can store and sync files of any type.

• The Mac's Safari Web browser will have more privacy controls and ways to share links more easily.

Changes to iPhones and iPads:

• Like the new Mac OS, the iOS 8 system will have a universal search tool, to cover both your device and the Internet. It will also get the iCloud Drive service.

• The new software will sport interactive notifications, so you can respond to a message without having to leave another app. It will have new gestures, such as double tapping to see a list of frequent contacts.

• A "quick type" feature promises predictive typing suggestions, rather than just spelling corrections.

• IOS 8 will have a built-in health-management tool to help people track their vital signs, diet and sleeping habits. Apple's chief rival, Samsung Electronics Co., incorporated fitness-related features in its latest flagship phone, the Galaxy S5.

• Although the Mac and iOS systems are separate, Apple CEO Tim Cook says the two have been engineered to work seamlessly together.

Apple typically announces new iPhones in September and new iPads soon after that.

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DVD review

Lone Survivor

Director. Peter Berg

Stars. Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch

Lone Survivor is a serious change for the better for Battleship bomb maker Peter Berg. It's based on the thoughtful memoirs of now-retired Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell, the sole man left alive out of 20 U.S. soldiers caught in a 2005 firefight in the mountains of Afghanistan's Kunar province. For all of its macho intensity — booming bullets, whirling chopper blades and falling bodies — Lone Survivor isn't just another war movie. We see the conflict from both sides, although the American one gets the most screen time and our immediate sympathies. Mark Wahlberg plays Luttrell, part of a "fire team" quartet of SEALs dropped by helicopter into a mountainous Taliban stronghold. The others are team leader Michael "Murph" Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), gunner's mate Danny "Danny Boy" Dietz (Emile Hirsch) and sonar ace Matthew "Axe" Axelson (Ben Foster). The actors are almost unrecognizable behind scruffy beards but they all deliver the goods.

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Robocop

Director. Jose Padilha

Stars. Joel Kinnaman, Gary Oldman

RoboCop 2014 should by rights be a sleeker ride than Paul Verhoeven's 1987 predecessor, given all the CGI advances since then, yet it clanks where it ought to purr. The essential story remains, pushed to 2028 from the previous mid-1990s setting, but still set in a blighted Detroit. In the almost laugh-free remake, people stand around a lot talking about the ethics of biomechanics, and fussing over family and business matters, rather than just setting RoboCop loose to blast away.

PETER HOWELL

Chef is a little movie with lots of meat

Jon Favreau, right, directs, produces and stars in Chef. CONTRIBUTED

The power of drama. Director Jon Favreau says this small film packs as much punch as his blockbuster work like Iron Man

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The director who used elaborate special effects to make Iron Man soar through the night sky and a spaceship land in the Wild West says, "there is nothing more cinematic and exciting than watching food be prepared."

Jon Favreau, helmer of blockbusters like Iron Man 1 and 2 and Cowboys & Aliens, adds, "Modestly budgeted films like Eat Drink Man Woman or Jiro Dreams of Sushi are as compelling as any big budgeted Hollywood movie."

In his new film Chef (which he wrote, directed, produced and stars in), Favreau plays Carl Casper, a chef set on a new culinary path after an influential food critic gives his restaurant a savage review.

The nugget of inspiration for the movie came two decades ago when Swingers, another film Favreau wrote and starred in, became a hit.

"The Big Night came out the year Swingers did," he says, "and I remember seeing that film and feeling like they had really accomplished so much. With Swingers we had certain modest accomplishments. I was satisfied with it, but Big Night felt like a movie and felt like they had captured something larger.

"Maybe that was in the back of my head for the last 20 years. There was an envy that I had of what they were able to accomplish with the music, the culture, the performances, the food and how delightful it was. So I finally got to make my food movie."

In those 20 years, Favreau has been in the Hollywood trenches as a producer, director, actor and writer and is quick to note the similarities and differences between the story of Chef and his real-life work in the movie business.

"The archetypes of the players on the stage in the food world and the movie world are very similar," he says.

"The stakes are a bit higher in the food world, which is why it is dramatically appealing. One bad review can shut you down. Right now, the way reviews work in movies is that you're reading 90 reviews. It's all on Rotten Tomatoes, a compilation of numbers and you don't really have that personal relationship with a specific critic as you do in the theatre world or the food world. In the food world you are eye-to-eye with that critic and you are eye-to-eye with the customer and when that food gets sent back to the kitchen you are looking at that plate. It's a lot different."

Favreau's next film is a live-action remake of The Jungle Book, but he says he'll likely flip-flop between big- and small-budget films in future.

"If I knew I could come up with a small story that I'd be excited about, next year I'd do this again but honestly, it hasn't been since Swingers that I've been able to sit down and write something so fully formed so quickly.

"I somewhat envy the filmmakers who can come up with a small story each year because this was the best experience I've ever had."

Quoted

"I somewhat envy the filmmakers who can come up with a small story each year because this was the best experience I've ever had."

Jon Favreau on making Chef

Ex-girlfriend of Clippers owner claims she was attacked in New York

Los Angeles Clippers co-owner Donald Sterling sits with V. Stiviano at a game in 2013.

Donald Sterling's former girlfriend's troubles aren't over yet: Two men attacked V. Stiviano Sunday night in Manhattan as she was returning to her hotel, her lawyer claimed. Mac Nehoray told ABC News that the two attackers, described as white men, recognized Stiviano and followed her after she left the restaurant where she had dinner. They allegedly hit her in the face and used racial slurs. Nehoray says Stiviano was examined by a doctor and she's "banged up, but OK." Stiviano did not file a police report about the incident, and police officials do not expect any arrests will be made. The attack was presumably related to Stiviano's role in releasing a recording of her former boyfriend Donald Sterling, co-owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, in which he made a string of racially offensive remarks. Sterling's wife Shelly has since negotiated a deal to sell the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for $2 billion US.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Sandra's snagged herself a superhero

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

I don't know why I feel protective of Sandra Bullock. She's doing fine. She's very wealthy and famous. She makes hit movies where she plays astronauts and cops. She is still incredibly beautiful. If anything, she should feel protective of me, since I have none of those things (well, I am a stone cold fox). Still, I'm solidly in her corner, which is why I am so glad to hear that she might be dating Chris "Captain America" Evans. Sandy has earned herself a hunk.

The Gravity star and Evans have reportedly begun seeing each other, though nothing serious is going on yet.

"They are not in a relationship, but they are definitely hanging out and are in the early getting-to-know-each-other phase," a source told E! News. "They haven't put a title on it, but they really like each other."

Evans and Bullock have been spotted dining together with friends several times this spring. The relationship would be a dream come true for Evans, who is 17 years Bullock's junior and says he had a big poster of Speed-era Sandra on his wall growing up.

Aww.

True love means dating someone you were obsessed with as a child.

It's over, it's over, or is it far from over? Drake and Rihanna call it quits again

It's apparently over again for Rihanna and Drake — at least as long as she wants it to be. "She gave him his marching orders and he's destroyed," a source says, according to Star magazine. "Drake was ready to walk away for good after Rihanna dropped him, but she has this power over him. All she needs to do is snap her fingers and he'll go running back to her. Drake is convinced that Rihanna has self-esteem issues and is pushing him away because she doesn't believe in or trust true love, which isn't surprising after the crazy stuff that happened with her and Chris (Brown). All of Drake's crew wish he'd forget about her and move on, but he's hooked — no matter how upset, hurt and angry he is with her right now."

Rihanna

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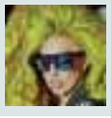

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I could listen to Bruce Springsteen for the rest of my life. I think I will.

They came in like a wrecking ball: Thieves plunder Miley's property

If anyone tries to sell you a white 2014 Maserati for cheap this week, think twice about taking the deal: Just such a car was stolen from Miley Cyrus' house this weekend. The LAPD are investigating a break-in at Miley's house on Saturday night. The singer was out of the country on tour, but her assistant noted that something seemed off about the house when she arrived on Sunday morning and called the cops, according to TMZ. One thing that was certainly off: Miley's car was gone. Thieves made off with the 2014 white Maserati Quattroporte, reportedly valued at $102,000, as well as some of Miley's jewelry. There was no sign of forced entry, but police say the suspects, a man and woman, scaled a fence and gained entry to Miley's garage.

Keeping it au naturel

The Canadian Health Food Association (CHFA) has rounded up the most popular natural developments for the summer season from natural health retailers, suppliers and health experts. CHFA holistic nutritionist Michelle Book breaks down the Top 4.

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Natural hydration

Three waters are making waves to help you stay hydrated this summer. The first is maple water, a new, trendy drink filled with minerals such as potassium, calcium, magnesium and manganese. Bonus? It's local! Then there's coconut water, an especially popular choice considered nature's "natural sports drink." Its sweet and nutty taste keeps thirst at bay, and it's high in potassium and electrolytes, and contains no artificial colours or sweeteners. Lastly there's Kombucha, another trendy drink. Found at your local health-food store, it is produced by fermenting black tea using a symbiotic colony of bacteria and yeast. Not only is it thirst quenching, it supports kidney and liver function. Although all these drinks do contain sugar, they have significantly less than many of the sports drinks, juices and sodas that tend to be so popular during the summer.

Natural skin care

When choosing sunscreen, I recommend a mineral-based one, which contains zinc oxide and titanium dioxide. Mineral-based sunscreens help to shield your skin by lying on the surface of the skin and reflecting potentially damaging UVA and UVB rays. There are many options that are also biodegradable and reef safe. Aloe vera is my go-to for soothing skin that has been in the sun. It can help to reduce the pain and irritation, and help to heal the delicate layers of your skin. When a sunburn does occur, more water is sent to the skin, so it's important to lock in that water with a good moisturizer to avoid dehydration. Don't confuse aloe with coconut oil, which is also a moisturizer that is seeing more attention this summer and is a great option to add to your summer skin-care regime.

Label literacy

More Canadians are demanding simple labelling. Common labels to look for are the Canadian Organic Symbol, GMO-free and fair trade. For the first, all foods with 95 per cent or more organic ingredients will have this logo on the package. Whenever possible, I recommend opting for organic. You are not only investing in your health, but also supporting sustainable environmentally friendly practices and animal welfare. GMO-free means the product does not contain any genetically modified organisms. While the debate surrounding GMO food continues, if this is of concern to you, I recommend going organic to ensure what you are eating has not been genetically modified. Fair trade has been created to achieve better trading conditions and to promote sustainable development. Products that are classified as fair trade have been produced to support greater equity by offering improved trading conditions and respecting the producers, who are often from developing countries.

Superfoods

Health experts are buzzing about watermelon and coconut. Watermelon is extremely hydrating and provides a lot of important minerals. It's a great source of lycopene, which is a potent antioxidant pigment with a growing list of benefits from prostate health to skin care. Coconut also continues to be all the rage this summer. It is being used in so many different and tasty ways — from ice cream to chips to coconut soy sauce. I personally love coconut chips, made from roasted slices of coconut. They can also be used as a topper to give your fresh summer salad a bit of extra crunch and flavour. Watermelon is always my go-to summer snack when it gets really hot. I keep it cut up in the fridge or I throw it into the blender with some ice and coconut water to make a 'slurpee.' Finally, seaweed snacks are great because they have no artificial colours or preservatives, and are virtually fat-free.

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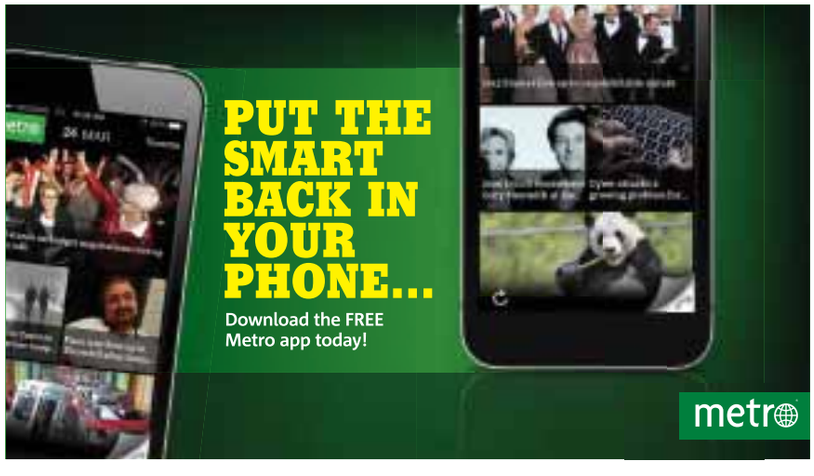

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Everything is coming up sprouts

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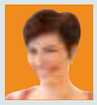
All hail the arrival of burger season



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I could spend a few hundred words scaring you off ground meats or share how carcinogenic the charred proteins are.

But why bother? We will both be enjoying a few burgers regardless.

The trick is to minimize the damage and maximize the pleasure.

Do this:

• Always use a meat thermometer on ground meats. Insert it horizontally and check a couple of spots in the thickest part of the burger.

• Chicken, beef and salmon all need to be fully cooked to well done. One small speck of E. coli or salmonella can cause tremendous illness.

• Use moist and nutritious toppings to enhance flavour and juiciness.

• Some gourmet ingredients can up your game: ricotta cheese, blue cheeses, pesto sauce, a variety of mustards, fresh vegetables, baby lettuces and sprouts all add a burst of taste

• Go beyond the bun! Paleo-friendly lettuce, kale or nappa cabbage leaves make great bases. If you do choose bread, keep the burger-to-bun ratio in line and don't be afraid of different grains and alternative flavours.

Practise safe barbecuing!

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This recipe serves four. THERESA ALBERT

Ingredients

- 4 chicken burgers
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 3 tbsp pesto sauce
- 4 ciabatta buns
- 1 cup pea sprouts or mixed sprouts
- Grainy mustard

Whether you make your burgers at home or choose a pre-made or frozen product, you don't have to go hohum. Gourmet toppings will heighten the taste and elevate the experience. Making sure that you add ingredients that boost moisture and flavour is easy with this recipe.

Mixing pesto sauce with ricotta cheese also makes a dip.

1. Fire up the grill and cook burgers thoroughly while you mix ricotta cheese and pesto sauce together.

2. Spread on both top and bottom of buns and add a big dollop to each burger once cooked.

3. Top with sprouts instead of lettuce and tomato. **THERESA ALBERT OF MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM**

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Salad straight from Old MacDonald's farm

This recipe serves four. FIONN MACCOOL'S

No one will be able to resist this hearty salad made with roasted Yukon Gold potatoes, grilled red onion, and spinach tossed in a honey mustard vinaigrette and topped with bacon, green onions, and a hard-boiled egg.

If your diners like meat with their vegetables be sure to add strips of grilled chicken breast or flat iron steak.

1. Toss potato wedges in a stainless steel bowl with oil and a few pinches of salt and pepper.

2. Transfer wedges to roasting pan and roast in 425 F degree oven until golden brown, approx. 20 minutes.

3. Using same bowl, toss onion quarters in oil until evenly coated. Place quarters on a hot grill and cook until charred evenly on all sides. Spread petals apart to ensure even grilling. Onions are done when they smell sweet and have softened.

4. Toss baby spinach with honey mustard dressing, bacon bits and grilled onion. Place in serving bowl.

5. Top with potato wedges, hardboiled eggs and green onion. Serve immediately. **CHEF BRYAN JUREK OF FIONN MACCOOL'S**

Ingredients

- 2 Yukon Gold potatoes, each cut into 8 wedges
- 1 tsp (5 ml) canola oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 red onion, peeled, quartered
- 5 cups (1.25 litres) baby spinach
- 4 tbsp (60 ml) honey mustard dressing
- 6 slices bacon, cooked, finely chopped
- 4 eggs, hard boiled, quartered
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced thinly

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Back pain or not, Nadal owns Paris

French Open. Rafa wins 32nd straight match at clay Grand Slam

Maybe, just maybe, Rafael Nadal was a tad vulnerable, the thinking went before this French Open.

He had lost three times on his beloved red clay already this year, more defeats than he ever had on the surface before heading to Roland Garros.

Then came an admission, after the Grand Slam tournament's third round, that his back was bothering him and slowing his serves.

Well, leave it to the eight-time French Open champion's upcoming quarter-final opponent — 2013 runner-up David Ferrer, one of the men who beat Nadal on clay this spring — to set the record straight.

"Rafael," Ferrer said, "is always the favourite."

Nadal certainly looked the part in the fourth round Monday, when he won 18 points in a row during one stretch en route to beating 83rd-ranked Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 for a record 32nd consecutive victory at the French Open. That broke Nadal's own mark of 31 and moved him a step closer to a fifth straight title in Paris.

The No. 1-ranked Nadal, now 63-1 for his career at the tournament, has won all 12 sets he's played in Paris in 2014, dropping a total of 23 games. He was asked whether he would have preferred a more taxing encounter by now.

Spain's Rafael Nadal returns during his third-round match of the French Open against Argentina's Leonardo Mayer in Paris, on Saturday. Nadal now has a record 32 consecutive victories at Roland Garros. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A show of respect

"I hope (to) instil some doubts in Rafa's mind. But if we play at our best level, both of us, he will be a better player." **David Ferrer** on meeting Rafael Nadal in the French Open's quarter-final.

"You never know what's better," replied Nadal. "But, in theory, the theory says that it's better (to) win like this than win longer matches."

And his back? The one that flummoxed him during a loss in the Australian Open final in January, and then acted up Saturday, leading to an average first serve of 165 km/h and top speed of 184 km/h? It didn't appear to be as much of an issue against Lajovic: Nadal averaged 173 km/h, with a high of 192 km/h.

"My back can be pretty unpredictable," said Nadal, who wore thick vertical strips of athletic tape under his shirt. "I'm not lying. It's totally unpredictable. I don't want to speak too much about it."

OK, then.

Now he takes on No. 5 Ferrer, who eliminated No. 19 Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Last year's French Open final is one of 21 losses for Ferrer in 27 matches against fellow Spaniard Nadal. But Ferrer won their most recent meeting in straight sets, on April 18 at the Monte Carlo Masters.

"Tactically, I will have to be perfect," Ferrer said.

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Labour dispute

Start of season could be pushed back, CFL prez says

CFL president Michael Copeland says the ongoing labour dispute between the league and its players could prevent the regular season from starting on time.

The 2014 campaign is scheduled to open June 26. But the league and CFL Players' Association are at an impasse and a potential players' strike threatens the season starting as planned.

"Of course there's concern (about regular season starting as scheduled)," Copeland, who is also the league's COO, said Monday.

"I don't think we could be at this point in training camp and not be concerned."

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NHL playoffs

Rangers tasked with penetrating Kings' fortress

Judging by gambling odds available and the Kings' recent playoff history, it would be foolish to call them underdogs.

Los Angeles is widely considered the best team in the 2014 cup final. And while New York has the series' best goaltender in Henrik Lundqvist, the Rangers will have their hands full.

Since catching fire down the stretch in 2011-12, the Kings have been playoff monsters, eliminated only by last year's champions, the Chicago Blackhawks. They became the first team in NHL history to win three Game 7s to reach the final.

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Woods hopes to build winner with Blades

The new head coach and general manager of the Saskatoon Blades has high hopes for the WHL team.

Bob Woods, who is coming to the Blades from an assistant coaching position with the NHL's Anaheim Ducks, says winning a cup is at the top of his priority list.

"This is an organization that's been around for a long time. I was amazed when I heard they never won a championship," said Woods during a press conference on Monday at the Credit Union Centre.

One aspect of the job he said he is looking forward to is leading the young players to rebuild the franchise.

"These kids are going to get every opportunity to improve their game," said Woods, who has signed to a five-year contract with the Blades.

As someone originally from Leroy, Sask., he added that the chance to return to his home province with his wife and kids was a big part of the decision.

Quoted

"I think the fans here deserve it and the city deserves it."

New Blades coach and GM Bob Woods upon hearing the team has never won a championship

"I've been pretty far from family most of my career," he said. "They've been supporting me from far and now they get to support me from a little closer."

Prior to Woods' coaching tenure in the NHL, he enjoyed a career playing in such leagues as the IHL, AHL and ECHL.

Managing partner with the Saskatoon Blades, Colin Priestner, noted that Woods was also an assistant coach with the Washington Capitals, working with such players as Alexander Ovechkin and former Blades goalie Braden Holtby.

"That's pretty exciting for our young players to hear names like that," said Priestner.

Steve Hogle, president of the Blades, said the search for a head coach and GM was exhaustive and especially thanked NHL insider Craig Button for his help during the process.

"We have an incredible man for the job," said Hogle. "One who could have stayed in the NHL, who could have gone back to the AHL, and chose to come back to Saskatchewan to his roots."

JACOB MORGAN/METRO

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Focus on things that bring a smile to your face. The way you think about life will determine how enjoyable, or how difficult, it is going to be.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Watch what you spend over the next 24 hours because if you go over the top you are sure to regret it. The planets warn you may not be as well off as you seem to believe. Watch out for hidden costs.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Don't make too many plans today because most likely they will have to be changed. Just go with the flow and trust that the tide of events will wash you up some place that is to your liking.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is a danger you will believe the powers that be have got it in for you. Nothing could be further from the truth. Your only real enemy at is your overactive imagination!

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
This is probably not a good time to commit yourself to a new project. Certain people cannot be trusted, no matter how upbeat they may be about what you are doing together.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have big ambitions and you have what it takes to reach the top. However, the planets warn if you act in haste you will repent at your leisure, so don't be too eager to follow your dream – it could turn into a nightmare.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your confidence may be high but don't get carried away. There are things going on behind the scenes that suggest you could be in for a shock.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't lose your perspective and get angry about something that would not usually bother you. And don't worry too much if you lose out financially either – you'll more than make up for it later.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Keep the momentum going today because if you slow down, your energy could tail off dramatically. Also, don't attach too much importance to a relationship problem. It's not as bad as it seems.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will be required to take on more tasks and responsibilities and though it may seem as if you are being unfairly restricted, you will be repaid in full later.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Life seems more vibrant and exciting now and in a way that's strange as nothing much has actually changed. What is different is your attitude: You are determined to find silver linings everywhere.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your feelings will be rather intense over the next 24 hours. If you prefer to live more through your heart than your head that's quite all right. Nothing bad will come of it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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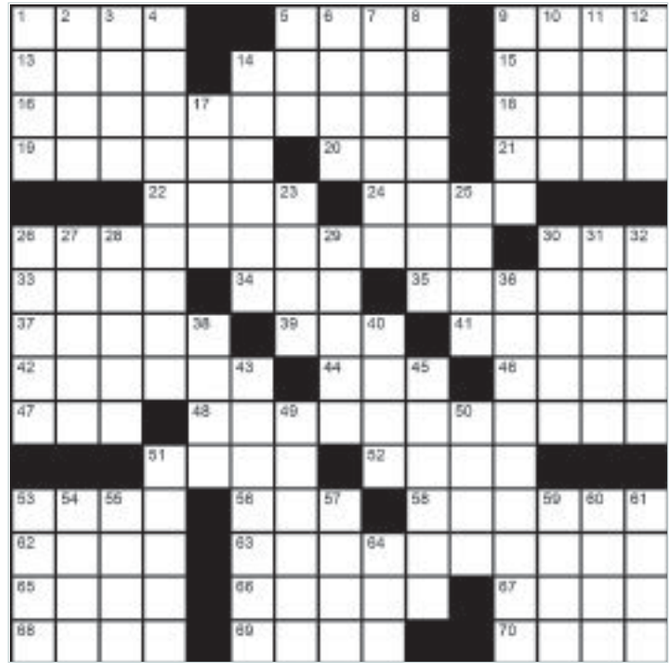
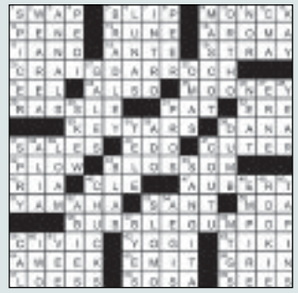


Across
1. Vlad, e.g.
5. Applaud
9. Sprint
13. "..._ _ tete, Alouette..."
14. "_ Vista Social Club" (1999)
15. Adhere
16. _ report (Autopsy results component)
18. Happy
19. Particular piano
20. They, in Montreal
21. Same: French
22. _ and bobs
24. Ingrid's celebrated role
26. Canadian Tiger _ Butterfly
30. 'Headache' in French, _ de tete
33. _ _ land
34. Damage
35. _ pants (Comfy clothing)
37. "So I sing _ _ of love, Julia." - The Beatles
39. Margarine container
41. Tunisia's capital
42. 2-worded golf film
44. As written
46. Tip to 'tion' (Car's key spot)
47. Nice summer?
48. British explorer, b.1728 - d.1779, who navigated much of the world, including Canada: 2 wds.
51. Soup vegetable
52. Dagger
53. Lima's land
56. Buenos Aires' shortened location
58. Texas city: 2 wds.
62. Image
63. Boeing 787 _ (New addition to Air Canada's fleet)
65. Swanky
66. Ancient Greek colony
67. Coiffure goos
68. Exclusive
69. _ cell research
70. Love letter's envelope letters

Down
1. Dog docs
2. Perched on
3. Gladiator's 1061
4. French for 'white bread': 2 wds.
5. _-de-sac
6. Q. "What's Mr. DiCaprio's first name?" A. "Hmmm... _, _ believe."
7. Latin name for 'England'
8. Employee's cheque-getting record
9. 1999 flick in which Alanis Morissette plays God
10. Competent
11. Crease
12. Jekyll and _
14. Drake song: "Started from the _"
17. Put a 'roof' on a room
23. 2003 Samuel L. Jackson/Colin Farrell m.o.v.i.e.
25. Shutter segment
26. Writing tablet
27. "How _ _?" (Did you enjoy that movie?)
28. Separate
29. Have faith in
30. Tropical fruit
31. _ acid
32. Type of vision correction surgery
36. Corky and the _ _ (Canadian comedy/music act of the '90s)
38. Icky substance
40. Prejudice
43. French star Vanessa, Johnny Depp's ex
45. Movie theatre
49. Chatty bird
50. Beloved of fictional Mountie Dudley Do-Right
51. Small quantity
53. Photos
54. Repeat
55. Churn
57. Kiss band member
59. Bit of "Feeling Good": "It's _ _ dawn..."
60. Ms. Ward
61. Russian city
64. Purpose

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

4		8			5		7	
			7	8				6
9				1		3		
		2					4	
		5	2		3	8		
	9					2		
		1		3				7
8			1	2				
	6		7			1		2

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	9	2	5	7	3	1	6
6	7	5	3	1	8	9	4	2
3	1	2	6	4	9	8	5	7
5	9	1	4	7	2	6	3	8
7	6	3	9	8	5	4	2	1
2	4	8	1	6	3	5	7	9
9	2	6	7	3	4	1	8	5
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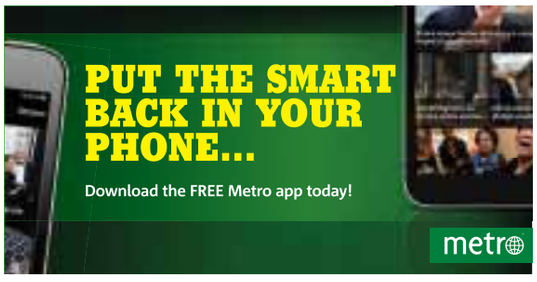

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